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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE	:	
SURRENDER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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ROBERT F. SAVADOVE, M.D.	:	
License No. MA24918	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER OF
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE & SURGERY	:	VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	OF LICENSURE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) upon receipt of information that on or about March 14, 2006, Robert F. Savadove, M.D., Respondent, surrendered his medical license to the State of Maine, Board of Licensure in Medicine (Maine Board) (A copy of the Surrender Letter is annexed hereto and made a part hereof). Respondent surrendered his license in Maine based upon the Maine Board's vote to initiate a complaint against Respondent on December 15, 2005, alleging that Respondent engaged in an inappropriate personal and/or sexual relationship with a female patient.

On or about June 30, 2006, the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct (New York Board) filed a Surrender Order regarding Respondent. (A copy of the Surrender Order is annexed hereto and made a part hereof). The New York Order states that Respondent is surrendering his license to practice medicine in New York since he has retired from the practice of medicine and he does not contest the one (1) Specification set forth in a Statement of Charges. The New York Order is based upon The Maine Surrender Letter.

Respondent's New Jersey license has been on inactive status since June 30, 1981. Respondent now seeks leave to voluntarily surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey in accordance with the terms of this Order. Respondent represents by his signature on this Order that he cannot return his original New Jersey license, most recent biennial registration and CDS registration to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners, since he does not have these documents in his possession. Respondent further represents he shall immediately return each and everyone of these documents which he locates in the future. The Board finding the within disposition to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare;

IT IS, therefore, on this 20 day of JANUARY, 2007, ORDERED
THAT:

1. Respondent, Robert F. Savadove, M.D. shall immediately

surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey.

2. Respondent shall immediately advise the DEA of this Order.

3. Respondent shall comply with the attached Directives for Physicians whose Surrender of Licensure has been accepted by the Board, which are incorporated herein by reference.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Sindy M. Paul, MD, MPH

By: _____

Sindy Paul, M.D.
Board President

I have read and understood the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Robert F. Savadove, M.D.

Robert F. Savadove, M.D.



JOHN ELIAS BALDACCIO
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MAINE
BOARD OF LICENSURE IN MEDICINE
137 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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EDWARD DAVID, M.D., J.D.
CHAIRMAN

RANDAL C. MANNING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

March 21, 2006

Robert F. Savadove, M.D.
321 Spring St
Portland, ME 04102-3602

Re: Voluntary surrender of Maine medical license

Dear Dr. Savadove:

As you are aware, on November 29, 2005, the Board received a report concerning you filed by a physician as required by the Maine Health Security Act, Title 24 M.R.S.A. § 2505.

On December 13, 2005, the Board reviewed the report and voted to initiate a complaint against your Maine medical license alleging that you engaged in an inappropriate personal and/or sexual relationship with a female patient. On January 3, 2006, the Board received a letter from you dated December 30, 2005, in which you stated that you were closing your office, retiring from practice, and stating, "I will not be seeking the renewal of my license and I wish to immediately surrender it."

On January 20, 2006, the Board sent you a copy of the complaint, together with a copy of the report from the physician, and instructed you to provide a written response to the complaint. On February 14, 2006, the Board received a letter from your attorney alleging that since you "surrendered" your license on December 30, 2005, that the Board lacked jurisdiction over you.

On February 15, 2006, the Board staff sent your attorney a letter informing him that: (1) you were subject to the jurisdiction of the Board, and that pursuant to Title 10 M.R.S.A. § 8003(5)(D), your tendered "surrender" of your Maine medical license was not effective "until accepted by a vote" of the Board; and (2) that the Board may refuse to accept your tendered license surrender since you were "under investigation or is the subject of a pending complaint or proceeding unless a consent agreement is first entered into." That letter also advised you to file a response to the complaint with the Board.

On February 21, 2006, the Board received a letter from your attorney, which did not respond to the allegations in the Board complaint.

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On March 14, 2006, the Board voted to accept your tendered surrender of your Maine medical license, which you had renewed in July 2005 and was not due to expire until July 2007. Since you surrendered your license while under investigation for alleged sexual misconduct, the surrender of your Maine medical license is a final adverse action that is reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank, the Health Integrity and Protection Data Bank and the Federation of State Medical Boards.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (207) 287-3605.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randal C. Manning", written in a cursive style.

Randal C. Manning
Executive Director

RCM/msl
cc: Peter J. DeTroy, Esq.
CR 05-211

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
ROBERT F. SAVADOVE, M.D.
CO-06-04-2063-A

SURRENDER

ORDER

BPMC No. #06-141

ROBERT F. SAVADOVE, M.D., says:

On or about July 3, 1968, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 101594 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 321 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04102.

I am not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with one (1) Specification of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A," based solely upon the State of Maine, Board of Licensure in Medicine, March 21, 2006, Letter "Re: Voluntary surrender of Maine medical license."

I have not practice medicine in New York state in many years and have, in fact, retired from the practice of medicine. I, therefore, am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an agreement to allow me to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York, and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

I, hereby, agree not to contest the one (1) Specification set forth in the Statement of Charges (Exhibit A).

I understand that in the event that this proposed agreement is not granted by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such proposed agreement shall not be used against me in any way, and shall be kept in strict confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Order to me at the address set forth above or to my attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is first.


I am making this agreement of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind of manner.

Date: 15 JUNE, 2006



ROBERT A. SAVADOVE, M.D.
Respondent

AGREED TO:

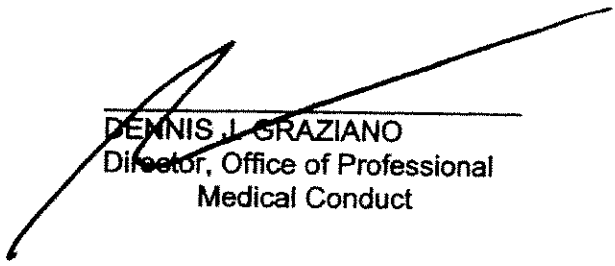
Date: June 16, 2006


PETER J. DETROY
Attorney for Respondent

Date: 19 June, 2006


ROBERT BOGAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

Date: 21 June, 2006


DENNIS J. GRAZIANO
Director, Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
ROBERT A. SAVADOVE, M.D.
CO-06-04-2063-A

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

ROBERT A. SAVADOVE, M.D., Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on July 3, 1968, by the issuance of license number 101594 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about March 21, 2006, the State of Maine, Board of Licensure in Medicine (hereinafter "Maine Board"), by a letter "Re: Voluntary surrender of Maine medical license" (hereinafter "Maine Letter"), accepted the surrender of Respondent's (a psychiatrist) license to practice medicine, based on engaging in a sexual relationship with a female patient while treating the patient.

B. The conduct resulting in the Maine Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York State, pursuant to the following sections of New York State law:


1. New York Education Law §6530(3) (negligence on more than one occasion);
and/or
2. New York Education Law §6530(44) (in the practice of psychiatry any physical contact of a sexual nature between licensee and the patient).

SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having surrendered his license to practice medicine after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the surrender would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: *May 16*, 2006
Albany, New York


PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

ORDER


Upon the proposed agreement of **ROBERT A. SAVADOVE, M.D.**, to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

ORDERED, that the proposed agreement and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of the Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy to Respondent at the addresses set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

DATED: 6-23, 2006


KENDRICK A. SEARS, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct

**DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY MEDICAL BOARD LICENSEE
WHO IS DISCIPLINED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSURE
HAS BEEN ACCEPTED**

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MAY 10, 2000

All licensees who are the subject of a disciplinary order of the Board are required to provide the information required on the Addendum to these Directives. The information provided will be maintained separately and will not be part of the public document filed with the Board. Failure to provide the information required may result in further disciplinary action for failing to cooperate with the Board, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1 et seq. Paragraphs 1 through 4 below shall apply when a license is suspended or revoked or permanently surrendered, with or without prejudice. Paragraph 5 applies to licensees who are the subject of an order which, while permitting continued practice, contains a probation or monitoring requirement.

1. Document Return and Agency Notification

The licensee shall promptly forward to the Board office at Post Office Box 183, 140 East Front Street, 2nd floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183, the original license, current biennial registration and, if applicable, the original CDS registration. In addition, if the licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration, he or she shall promptly advise the DEA of the licensure action. (With respect to suspensions of a finite term, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee may contact the Board office for the return of the documents previously surrendered to the Board. In addition, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee should contact the DEA to advise of the resumption of practice and to ascertain the impact of that change upon his/her DEA registration.)

2. Practice Cessation

The licensee shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in this State. This prohibition not only bars a licensee from rendering professional services, but also from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application, or representing him/herself as being eligible to practice. (Although the licensee need not affirmatively advise patients or others of the revocation, suspension or surrender, the licensee must truthfully disclose his/her licensure status in response to inquiry.) The disciplined licensee is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee provides health care services. The disciplined licensee may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for or rent at fair market value office premises and/or equipment. In no case may the disciplined licensee authorize, allow or condone the use of his/her provider number by any health care practice or any other licensee or health care provider. (In situations where the licensee has been suspended for less than one year, the licensee may accept payment from another professional who is using his/her office during the period that the licensee is suspended, for the payment of salaries for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.)

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended for one (1) year or more or permanently surrendered must remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings. If the licensee's name is utilized in a group practice title, it shall be deleted. Prescription pads bearing the licensee's name shall be destroyed. A destruction report form obtained from the Office of Drug Control (973-504-6558) must be filed. If no other licensee is providing services at the location, all medications must be removed and returned to the manufacturer, if possible, destroyed or safeguarded. (In situations where a license has been suspended for less than one year, prescription pads and medications need not be destroyed but must be secured in a locked place for safekeeping.)

3. Practice Income Prohibitions/Divestiture of Equity Interest in Professional Service Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

A licensee shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him/herself or others while barred from engaging in the professional practice. The licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the Board action.

A licensee who is a shareholder in a professional service corporation organized to engage in the professional practice, whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice within the meaning of the Professional Service Corporation Act. (N.J.S.A. 14A:17-11). A disqualified licensee shall divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional service corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 14A:17-13(c). A licensee who is a member of a limited liability company organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:1-44, shall divest him/herself of all financial interest. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days following the the entry of the Order rendering the licensee disqualified to participate in the applicable form of ownership. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the Secretary of State, Commercial Reporting Division, demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification.

4. Medical Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that during the three (3) month period following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of

general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to medical records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her medical record or asks that record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

5. Probation/Monitoring Conditions

With respect to any licensee who is the subject of any Order imposing a probation or monitoring requirement or a stay of an active suspension, in whole or in part, which is conditioned upon compliance with a probation or monitoring requirement, the licensee shall fully cooperate with the Board and its designated representatives, including the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, in ongoing monitoring of the licensee's status and practice. Such monitoring shall be at the expense of the disciplined practitioner.

(a) Monitoring of practice conditions may include, but is not limited to, inspection of the professional premises and equipment, and inspection and copying of patient records (confidentiality of patient identity shall be protected by the Board) to verify compliance with the Board Order and accepted standards of practice.

(b) Monitoring of status conditions for an impaired practitioner may include, but is not limited to, practitioner cooperation in providing releases permitting unrestricted access to records and other information to the extent permitted by law from any treatment facility, other treating practitioner, support group or other individual/facility involved in the education, treatment, monitoring or oversight of the practitioner, or maintained by a rehabilitation program for impaired practitioners. If bodily substance monitoring has been ordered, the practitioner shall fully cooperate by responding to a demand for breath, blood, urine or other sample in a timely manner and providing the designated sample.

ADDENDUM

Any licensee who is the subject of an order of the Board suspending, revoking or otherwise conditioning the license, shall provide the following information at the time that the order is signed, if it is entered by consent, or immediately after service of a fully executed order entered after a hearing. The information required here is necessary for the Board to fulfill its reporting obligations:

Social Security Number¹: _____

List the Name and Address of any and all Health Care Facilities with which you are affiliated:

List the Names and Address of any and all Health Maintenance Organizations with which you are affiliated:

Provide the names and addresses of every person with whom you are associated in your professional practice: (You may attach a blank sheet of stationery bearing this information).

¹ Pursuant to 45 CFR-Subtitle A Section 61.7 and 45 CFR Subtitle A Section 60.8, the Board is required to obtain your Social Security Number and/or federal taxpayer identification number in order to discharge its responsibility to report adverse actions to the National Practitioner Data Bank and the HIP Data Bank.

**NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD
REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection, upon request.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A 60.8, the Board is obligated to report to the National Practitioners Data Bank any action relating to a physician which is based on reasons relating to professional competence or professional conduct:

- (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license,
- (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation,
- (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license (and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such Federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.